

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for producing identification cards **of a plurality of card types** using a plurality of card issuance machines that are located in a plurality of locations, wherein the card issuance machines are communicably coupled to an enterprise server through an enterprise network, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a request in a client process to produce an identification card wherein said request includes information regarding a type of card to be produced **from a plurality of card types**;

transmitting said request from said client process to the enterprise server through an enterprise network to manage the production of said identification card;

evaluating a rule set and placing the request into one of a card issuance component queue where cards are ready for immediate production and a production queue for later production based on the evaluation, wherein the rule set includes card type criteria and **geographic** location criteria, and further comprising linking said request based at least in part on the requested card type and a **geographic** location where the request originated to one of the card issuance component queue and the production queue; and

forwarding said request from said card issuance component queue to a card issuance controller process coupled to the plurality of card issuance machines for production of the identification card;

producing the identification card using one of the card issuance machines.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the production queue includes production requests for later processing, and further comprising;
receiving instruction from an administrative user to process requests in said production queue; and
transferring said request from said production queue to said card issuance component queue.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for producing identification cards using card issuance machines which are located at a variety of separate locations, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request from a client computer system to an enterprise server system, wherein the request is to produce an identification card of a certain type **from a plurality of card types**;

at the enterprise server system, evaluating the request, including the card type and a **geographic** location where the request originated, to determine where and when the request to produce the identification card can be fulfilled, wherein the determination further includes evaluating **a geographic location** where card issuance machines are located and available for producing the identification card;

if the evaluation indicates that the card is ready for immediate production, placing the request into a card issuance type queue for immediate production of the card using one of the card issuance machines;

if the evaluation indicates that the card is not ready for immediate production, placing the request into a production type queue for later processing; and

producing the card from the card issuance type queue or the production type queue using one of the card issuance machines.